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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UNHCR PRESS RELEASE DATED
MARCH 27, 1975 CONCERNING UNHCR AS CHANNEL FOR EMERGENCY
RELIEF AID TO INDOCHINA: QUOTE

THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES HAS
FOLLOWED WITH GREAT CONCERN THE RECENT EVENTS IN INDO-CHINA
AND HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS IN INDO-
CHINA FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS
NOTED THE APPEALS LAUNCHED BY SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND HOPES THAT THOSE CHANNELS
WILL PROVIDE MASSIVE AID TO NEEDY PERSONS IN INDO-CHINA.

IN RESPONSE TO APPEALS FROM GOVERNMENTS, HE SAID THAT
HIS OFFICE IS, AS ALWAYS, AVAILABLE AS A CHANNEL FOR
CONTRIBUTIONS IN CASH OR KIND. HE PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH
APPROPRIATE LIAISON IN GENEVA AND THE AREAS CONCERNED
WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED. IN
AREAS OF INDO-CHINA WHERE NO OTHER INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION PROVIDES AID, UNHCR IS AVAILABLE TO
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CHANNEL AID.

IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT FOLLOWING THE REQUEST
OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED, UNHCR HAS
IMPLEMENTED, SINCE SPRING 1974, A \$12 MILLION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN ALL AREAS OF VIETNAM AND
LAOS. THIS PROGRAM, WHICH AIMS AT PROVIDING
DISPLACED PERSONS WITH THE MEANS TO
RE-ESTABLISH NORMAL CONDITIONS OF LIFE, WILL
CONTINUE INDEPENDENTLY OF ANY RELIEF ASSISTANCE
WHICH MAY NOW BE CHANNELLED BY UNHCR ON AN
EMERGENCY BASIS. UNQUOTE. DALE

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